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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: John F. Shanley

Serial No.: 10/726,605

Art Unit: 3731

Filed: December 4, 2003

Examiner: Unassigned

For: EXPANDABLE MEDICAL  
DEVICE WITH CURVED  
HINGE

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Mail Stop **Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2005, which set a three-month shortened statutory period of response thereto, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows. A Petition for a two-month extension of time and the corresponding fee are filed concurrently herewith.

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